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Title: DNA MOLECULES ENCODING IMIDAZOLINE RECEPTIVE
POLYPEPTIDES AND POLYPEPTIDES ENCODED THEREBY

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Official Action dated June 26, 2001. A request for extension of time is filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

27. (Twice Amended) A method of screening for a ligand of an imidazoline receptor, which method comprises:

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culturing a host cell transfected with a vector containing an isolated DNA molecule in a culture medium capable of expressing a polypeptide including an amino acid sequence according to claim 16 which polypeptide is receptive to imidazoline compounds;